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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

--Article I, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

"No Crime Committed At Ruby Ridge"

"The Justice Department today closed its investigation into whether the FBI's former deputy director tried to obstruct an inquiry into the deadly 1992 siege at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, saying it lacked evidence to bring criminal charges....," the Associated Press reported.

Criminal charges were being considered against former FBI Deputy Director Larry Potts and Danny Coulson, Potts' deputy back in 1992.

"The available evidence does not support further criminal prosecution of FBI officials," the Justice Department stated. (Anyone surprised?)

"The available evidence doesn't support further criminal prosecution of the FBI..." Has anyone at the Justice Department read FBI Director Louis Freeh's testimony before the Senate, October 19, 1995, concerning the FBI's actions at Ruby Ridge?

We printed excerpts of Freeh's comments in a previous Newsletter, but they bear repeating in light of the current decision by the Justice department:

**At Ruby Ridge, the FBI did not perform at the level which the American people expect or deserve from the FBI...*

**Ruby Ridge was a series of terribly flawed law enforcement operations with tragic consequences.*

**We know that law enforcement overreacted at Ruby Ridge...*

**There was a trail of serious operational mistakes that went forth from the mountains of northern Idaho to FBI Headquarters and back out to a federal courthouse in Boise, Idaho. Today, there are allegations that a cover-up occurred--allegations that, if proven, shake the very foundations of integrity upon which the FBI is built.*

**I am sincerely disappointed with the FBI's performance during the crisis and especially in its aftermath.*

**Now, with all of the benefits of hindsight, the FBI's response clearly was an overreaction.*

**Those rules of engagement were contrary to law and FBI policy.*

**Indeed, the constitutionality of Special Agent Horiuchi's second shot is a close and very difficult question.*

**At the time I disciplined Larry Potts, he was the Acting Deputy Director. Shortly thereafter, I sought to promote him to be Deputy Director of the FBI. (Note: Only a bureaucrat could "discipline" and "promote" at the same time). In pressing for Mr. Potts' appointment as Deputy Director, I was not trying to minimize or downplay the significance of the punishment that I had imposed upon him. I did not appoint him simply because he was a friend. (Translation: Freeh promoted Potts trying to downplay the punishment he imposed because he was a friend).*

Let a militia group who has been hammered by the Feds for far lesser offenses than what was committed at Ruby Ridge use the same excuses in court that Freeh used before the Senate and see how far it gets them. Claiming an "error in judgment" or "over reaction" after shooting someone in the head is reserved for government officials--not for us.

No sooner had the Justice Department announced that there was no crime committed at Ruby Ridge than Reuters released a story which read:

Ruby Ridge FBI Sniper Charged With Manslaughter

"Idaho prosecutors said Thursday they had charged a friend of white separatist Randy Weaver and an FBI agent with the deaths of two people killed in the infamous Ruby Ridge standoff five years ago.

"Boundary County prosecutor Denise Woodbury said Weaver's friend Kevin Harris was charged with first-degree murder for allegedly killing Deputy U.S. Marshall William Degan 'willfully and with malice aforethought.'"

The prosecutor's charge against Harris is totally ridiculous. When Striker, the Weaver's family dog, started barking Harris and Sammy Weaver ran into the woods thinking he was chasing down a deer. They were met with gun fire from trespassing camouflaged U.S. Marshalls--how much "aforethought" could Harris possibly have? Two, maybe three seconds? How much "aforethought" did sniper Lon Horiuchi have?

There is also compelling evidence that Deputy Degan may have been shot accidentally by another marshal when he ran into his line of fire.

Another problem is double jeopardy. Scott McKay, Harris' attorney, said Harris had been tried and acquitted in federal court on the same charges. Reuters reported, *"Weaver and Harris were tried and acquitted [July 8, 1993] on federal charges in the case, but the U.S. Constitution's ban on double jeopardy does not prevent state charges from being brought."*

Gerry Spence, Weaver and Harris' lawyer in the federal trial, commented on the double jeopardy issue on CNN. He said, *"Well, it is double jeopardy, but legally--the loophole is that since he was tried in the federal court that it's not double jeopardy under the Constitution if he's now tried in the state court. It's only when the state tries him a second time or the federal government tries*

him a second time. The state gives comity to the federal government and the federal government to the state. Rarely do we see this. This woman [Prosecutor Woodbury] is doing it for reasons that I can't understand. That boy is out on a \$10,000 bond in a murder case. That's almost unheard of. The judge himself must understand that this kid isn't guilty of anything. It's a real American tragedy." Spence commented that perhaps Prosecutor Woodbury wants to be another Marcia Clark and sign on to a \$4 million book deal.

While Harris could face the death penalty for Degan's death, Prosecutor Woodbury said, "Sammy Weaver's death had been found to be a justified homicide based on self-defense." Self-defense is, or should be, a two-edged sword and Harris, if he really shot Degan, should be allowed the same defense as the marshals. More so in Harris' case because the marshals were there without a warrant and never identified themselves. This is a case of "equal justice for me, but not for thee."

Spence, commenting on Horiuchi, said, "Horiuchi shot Randy Weaver in the arm, he shot Kevin Harris through the lung, nearly killing him, and he shot Mrs. Weaver—accidentally he claims—through the head. Well, he intended to kill Randy Weaver, and he intended to kill Kevin Harris. So that's an intentional attempt to commit a felony, and when you kill accidentally in the process of attempting to commit a murder, the intent is transferred, and he could have been charged with first-degree murder. Why he wasn't I don't know."

Some members of law enforcement have come to the defense of Horiuchi. "I don't think a federal official can get a fair trial in Boundary County, to be honest with you," said Gene Glenn, the FBI chief in charge at Ruby Ridge. It was Glenn who told Bo Gritz that Vicki Weaver was "taken out" because she was a strong matriarchal type. The Fed's figured, erroneously, that once she was out of the way resistance would collapse. Bo Gritz has often told this story on his short-wave radio show.

The *Spokane-Review* asked members of the jury who acquitted Harris about a re-trial. "That's no good. I liked Kevin, I felt sorry for Kevin. He was a good kid in a bad situation," said one juror.

"Doggone it, it was self-defense. They shouldn't make that kid go through that again," said Jerry Anderson.

"How much evidence was destroyed? I want to know," said Jack Weaver. (No relation.)

One juror described Horiuchi as "a robot."

The best defense Harris could bring to court is a transcript of Louis Freeh's comments before the Senate—and put Louis Freeh on the stand to read it.

Trouble for Clinton

"L.D. Brown, a former Arkansas state trooper who worked on President Clinton's security detail when he was governor of Arkansas, is prepared to tell independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr that a man offered him \$100,000 and a job to influence his testimony in the Whitewater investigation," reports *The Washington Times*.

Brown's attorney, John Thompson, in a letter to Starr said that Brown, "...wishes to provide you with sworn testimony that he has been approached by individuals with connections to the Clinton administration offering him a large sum of money in order to influence his testimony about Clinton's illegal activities."

THE HUMANIST MANIFESTO

Whatever lies ahead for our country, New World Order, loss of national sovereignty, rising UN influence, Nature Nazis, Dirt Worshipers, Green Peace, furry little critters living in the woods having more rights than we do, etc., its foundations will be based, in varying degrees, on humanism. The central theme of humanism is based upon the belief the man is the measure of all things and through man's efforts we can solve the world's problems. Printed below is the Humanist Manifesto, written in 1933. It gives a clear and concise explanation of their position. As you read it, you'll begin to see some parallels between the Manifesto and the current mind-set of legislators in Washington.

THE HUMANIST MANIFESTO

-1933-

FIRST: Religious humanists regard the universe as self-existing and not created.

SECOND: Humanism believes that man is a part of nature and that he has emerged as the result of a continuous process.

THIRD: Holding an organic view of life, humanists find that the traditional dualism of mind and body must be rejected.

FOURTH: Humanism recognizes that man's religious culture and civilization, as clearly depicted by anthropology and history,

are the product of a gradual development due to his interaction with his natural environment and with his social heritage. The individual born into a particular culture is largely molded by that culture.

FIFTH: Humanism asserts that the nature of the universe depicted by modern science makes unacceptable any supernatural or cosmic guarantees of human values. Obviously humanism does not deny the possibility of realities as yet undiscovered, but it does insist that the way to determine the existence and value of any and all realities is by means of intelligent inquiry and by the assessment of their relation to human needs. Religion must formulate its hopes and plans in the light of the scientific spirit and method.

SIXTH: We are convinced that the time has passed for theism, deism, modernism, and the several varieties of "new thought."

SEVENTH: Religion consists of those actions, purposes, and experiences which are humanly significant. Nothing human is alien to the religious. It includes labor, art, science, philosophy, love, friendship, recreation—all that is in its degree expressive of intelligently satisfying human living. The distinction between the sacred and the secular can no longer be maintained.

EIGHTH: Religious humanism considers the complete realization of human personality to be the end of man's life and seeks its development and fulfillment in the here and now. This is the explanation of the humanist's social passion.

NINTH: In place of the old attitudes involved in worship and prayer the humanist finds his religious emotions expressed in a heightened sense of personal life and in a cooperative effort to promote social well-being.

TENTH: It follows that there will be not uniquely religious emotions and attitudes of the kind hitherto associated with belief in the supernatural.

ELEVENTH: Man will learn to face the crises of life in terms of his knowledge of their naturalness and probability. Reasonable and manly attitudes will be fostered by education and supported by custom. We assume that humanism will take the path of social and mental hygiene and discourage sentimental and unreal hopes and wishful thinking.

TWELFTH: Believing that religion must work increasingly for joy in living religious humanists aim to foster the creative in man and to encourage achievements that add to the satisfactions of life.

THIRTEENTH: Religious humanism maintains that all associations and institutions

"An oppressed class which did not aspire to possess arms and learn how to handle them would deserve only to be treated as slaves."--Lenin

exist for the fulfillment of human life. The intelligent evaluation, transformation, control, and direction of such associations and institutions with a view to the enhancement of human life is the purpose and program of humanism. Certainly religious institutions, their ritualistic forms, ecclesiastical methods, and communal activities must be reconstituted as rapidly as experience allows, in order to function effectively in the modern world.

FOURTEENTH: The humanists are firmly convinced that existing acquisitive and profit-motivated society has shown itself to be inadequate and that a radical change in methods, controls, and motive must be instituted. A socialized and cooperative economic order must be established to the end that the equitable distribution of the means of life be possible. The goal of humanism is a free and universal society in which people voluntarily and intelligently cooperate for the common good. Humanists demand a shared life in a shared world.

FIFTEENTH AND LAST: We assert that humanism will (a) affirm life rather than deny it; (b) seek to elicit the possibilities of life, not flee from it; and (c) endeavor to establish the conditions of a satisfactory life for all, not merely for the few. By this positive *morale* and intention humanism will be guided, and from this perspective and alignment the techniques and efforts of humanism will flow.

So stand the theses of religious humanism. Though we consider the religious forms and ideas of our fathers no longer adequate, the quest for the good life is still the central task for mankind. Man is at last becoming aware that he alone is responsible for the realization of the world of his dreams, that he has within himself the power for its achievement. He must set intelligence and will to the task.

THE RETURN OF THE UZI

The famous Uzi machine gun, manufactured in Israel, has been banned in the U.S. for the past 11 years. The ban may be coming to an end. Israel Military Industries (IMI) has received permission from the BAFT to reintroduce the semi-automatic version of the Uzi and the Galil weapons into the U.S.

The weapons will be manufactured here in the U.S. by Mossberg and should be available late this year. Mossberg expects to sell about 10,000 Uzis a year.

DEBTORS PRISONS IN NEW JERSEY?

According to one inmate in the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, Freehold, N.J., over 50% of the inmates are incarcerated there for non-payment of child support.

Purposefully avoiding child support payments (i.e., fraud) is punishable, but if non-payment is a result of an honest lack of funds--and based upon some of the stories we've heard,

that's a distinct possibility--then we have a conflict with Article 1, Section 13 of the N.J. state constitution.

"No person shall be imprisoned for debt in any action, or on any judgment found upon contract, unless in cases of fraud; nor shall any person be imprisoned for a militia fine in time of peace."

N.J. Administrative Office of the Court's brochures defines child support as debt, as does 42 U.S.C. 656 (b).

If it can be proven that anyone is currently imprisoned for non-payment of child support, or any other fine-related offense, because of lack of funds, then we have debtors prisons here in New Jersey.

Closing Note: Members of NJM have sat in on court proceedings and have personally witnessed individuals being led away in handcuffs because they didn't have the money to pay the fines imposed by the courts. Make no mistake about it, we have debtors prisons in N.J. --Ed.

NEW JERSEY MILITIA NEWSLETTER "GANG RELATED"

That was the opinion of prison officials at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in Freehold, N.J.

We sent 10 issues of the *NJM Newsletter* to one inmate who was told by a "gang expert" that our Newsletters were "gang related" material and would not be allowed in the prison. We ordered 10 copies of the *Citizen's Rule Book* from Aid and Abet to be sent to the same inmate and they were refused also--seems they are "gang related" as well. A law suit is being considered by the inmate (now free) on First Amendment grounds.

We contacted Aid & Abet and they've told us that the *Citizen's Rule Book* is not allowed into many prisons.

ANTI-GOVERNMENT?

--By Mary Brewer

Patriots are NOT anti-government. This is the propaganda put out by the anti-patriots of the New World Order. Why do Globalists have to change our government anyway? We could have global trade and global communication without the loss of our form of government, which is freedom. Why does Globalism have to bring with it slavery? Because the leaders of this so-called New World Order, have an enormous greed for money and power. They want to take all our money, property and freedoms. They wish to be rulers over us! Patriots are not anti-government, Patriots are:

- (1) Anti-Government Oppression
- (2) Anti-Government Corruption.
- (3) Anti-government Tyranny.
- (4) Anti-Government Slavery.
- (5) Anti-Government Control.
- (6) Anti-Government Take-Over.

We have to have government, but we want to keep the one that is for the people, of the people and by the people. Not the one we see forming: Take from the people, Trample the people, become masters over the people.

TRAFICANT SPEAKS

"Mr. Speaker, John Huang says he never broke the law, he never raised campaign money for the Democrats while he worked for the Commerce Department. The gutless wonder now says 'My wife did it.' That is right. John Huang says that Jane Huang was the one that raised the half million dollars from the Indonesian landscapers that ended up having to be returned because the landscaper never filed his taxes. In addition, Jane Huang raised \$12,000 from John Huang's old boss at Lippo.

"And after all this, John Huang says, 'Hey, behind every good man is a good woman. I did nothing wrong.'

"Jane Huang says, 'I did nothing wrong.'

"Tell it like it is. Two Huangs do not make a right. If there is any consolation, my colleagues, John Huang could have blamed Jane Doe, not Jane Huang.

"I yield back the balance of this Communist intrusion into our political process."

NEW MILITIA GROUP IN NEW JERSEY

Greetings Fellow Patriot,

It gives me great pleasure to formally invite you to the first meeting of the Somerset County Militia. This meeting is long overdue for the central New Jersey area, as this is the first known for the area.

As you are aware, our country is headed for troubled times with the federal bureaucracy headstrong at destroying our Constitutional form of government. (A government our forefathers built so that we should all remain free). This, compounded by an uncontrollable crime wave in our streets, forms a volatile mixture for our future. We believe that through the education of our fellow Americans, a real catastrophe may be avoided in the future. This is the purpose of the Somerset County Militia. Our goal is to awaken the public to the natural and unalienable rights guaranteed us by the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and GOD. Rights, as we are all aware, that are being stripped from us on a daily basis.

We sincerely hope that you can attend the meeting of the Somerset County Militia.

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LETTER BOMBS

YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER BOMB IF IT HAS THE FOLLOWING

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- *Protruding wires or tin foil
- *Visual distractions
- *Foreign mail, air mail and special delivery
- *Restrictive markings such as confidential, personal, etc.
- *Handwritten or poorly typed address
- *Excessive securing material such as masking tape, string, etc.

--Source: FBI

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

In 1971 the Federal Government declared war on cancer and threw away \$30 billion over the past 26 years to combat the deadly foe. Net result; Deaths due to cancer rose from 199 deaths per 100,000 to 200.9. Our government's war on cancer was about as successful as its war on poverty.

"It's time for the government to admit defeat, stop wasting our money, and leave the struggle to those who might actually win it. Imagine how many of those Americans (550,000 deaths per-year) might be alive if private laboratories, rather than politicians, had decided how to spend that \$30 billion," said Libertarian Party spokesman Steve Dasbach.

John Bailar, who conducted a study on cancer, said that cancer could be reduced 33% if Americans ate healthier food.

BANKING WITHOUT A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Since many people objected to extensive loss of privacy which accompanied the use of computers, Washington responded by passing the Privacy Act. It states quite simply that *"It shall be unlawful to deny to any individual any right, benefit or privilege provided by law because of such individual's refusal to disclose his social security number."*

Should a right, benefit or privilege be denied you when you decline to provide your social security number, you may file suit and are guaranteed to win judgment of \$1000.00 plus costs and attorney's fees.

This is paid by the individual, business or government agency who wronged you. I would suggest that you take someone with you when you assert your rights under the Privacy Act. They will witness the incident and testify (if necessary) to the facts.

Courts have ruled that there are only four instances when social security numbers must be used. These are:

- 1) For tax matters
- 2) To receive public assistance
- 3) To obtain and use a driver's license
- 4) To register a motor vehicle

In any situation not listed above, when you refuse to give your social security number, simply present this flyer to any person who seems to need one. Invite them to make a copy. Point out the \$1000.00 penalty which is guaranteed upon showing that your rights were violated under this act. Point out that an individual may be personally required to pay the \$1000.00 if he is aware of the Privacy Act and refuses to follow it. So far, I have never heard of anyone who was informed in this manner who still insisted upon knowing the social security number.

--J.C. Printing

Shot Blocker

by Officer Ralph Garrabants

The June, 1995, issue of *Popular Mechanics* (p. 32) describes a system being tested by the U.S. Army called the Shot Blocker. It can detonate artillery fuses by transmitting energy via modified radar sets. Do you doubt that a similar system could be used to ignite rifle and pistol primers? Good thing there is no one around that would want to do that, right?

The probability exists that the Shot Blocker or similar instrument installed in ground or air units could be used to sweep an area and ignite small arms primers. Therefore, keep ammunition in a metallic case, and if possible, ground the case to prevent any buildup of electrical charge on it. Copper plumbing affords a good ground, and the grounding screw on a 3-prong electrical outlet will be as good as the ground connection at the electrical service.

--Aid and Abet Police Newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 4 [July, 1997]

U.S. PRISON LABOR ENTERS THE WORK FORCE

Forget the disturbing stories coming out of China about prison labor. We have a growing

problem right here in the U.S. that is putting companies out of business. Here are some examples:

*Most of the workers at Michigan's Bill Mfg. Co. furniture plant lost their \$5.65 an hour jobs when state prison inmates getting 56 to 80 cents an hour were hired in their stead.

*Some 100 Texas state prisoners being held at a privately owned jail in Lockhart are now doing jobs taken from computer circuit board assembly workers in Austin, TX., whose plant was closed. The prisoners get the federal minimum wage and no benefits. The work is for computer industry giants such as IBM, Dell and Compaq.

*In Ohio, before the United Auto Workers was able to stop it, prisoners in the Ross County jail were assembling auto parts for Honda. To this day, prisoners are making toys and rakes, doing data entry and other tasks.

Prison officials in Pendleton, OR, run the Oregon Corrections Industries trade company, Unigroup, which manufactures convict-made designer jeans labeled "Prison Labor," and other clothing. A recent ballot initiative in Oregon would force all prisoners to work--presumably in competition with honest citizens.

*Prison inmates have stocked shelves at a Toys 'r' Us outside Chicago. Juvenile offenders take phone reservations for TWA near Santa Barbara. San Quinten convicts do data entry work for private companies.

--Information supplied by Bob Witaneck

THE INTERVIEW

This is an excerpt of a live radio interview on a Welsh station in Great Britain.

Interviewer: *So, Mr. Jones, what are you going to do with these children on this adventure holiday?*

Mr. Jones: *We're going to teach them climbing, sailing, canoeing, archery, shooting...*

Interviewer: *Shooting! That's a bit irresponsible, isn't it?*

Mr. Jones: *I don't see why, they'll be properly supervised on the range.*

Interviewer: *Don't you admit that this is a terribly dangerous activity to be teaching children?*

Mr. Jones: *I don't see how, we will be teaching them proper range discipline before they even touch a firearm.*

Interviewer: *But you're equipping them to become violent killers.*

Mr. Jones: *Well, you're equipped to be a prostitute but you're not one, are you?*

The interview was quickly terminated.

How Gullible Are We?

A freshman at Eagle Rock Junior High won first prize at the Greater Science Fair, April 26. He was attempting to show how conditioned we have become to the alarmists practicing junk

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science and spreading fear of everything in our environment. In his project he urged people to sign a petition demanding strict control or total elimination of the chemical "dihydrogen monoxide." And for plenty of good reasons, since it can;

- 1) cause excessive sweating and vomiting.
- 2) It is a major component in acid rain.
- 3) It can cause severe burns in its gaseous state.
- 4) Accidental inhalation can kill you.
- 5) It contributes to erosion.
- 6) It decreases effectiveness of automobile brakes.
- 7) It has been found in tumors of terminal cancer patients.

He asked 50 people if they would support a ban of the chemical. Forty-three said yes, six were undecided, and only one who knew what the chemical was refused. Dihydrogen monoxide is water.

--Dave Kuehne

"PERSISTENT GROUP WORRIES PINELANDS COMMISSION"

So reads the headline of the *Burlington County Times*, September 2, 1997. ASPIRE: Association Seeking to Preserve Individual Rights for Everyone has been a long-time foe of the Pinelands Commission.

However, it's the formation of a new group, the New Jersey Committee of Safety, that has the Pinelands Commission worried. The reason given is its affiliation with the New Jersey Militia. (ASPIRE and NJM co-founded the NJCS.)

"It's scary. You don't want to look them in the eye or else they'll yell at you," said one Pinelands Commission employee, who asked to remain anonymous. "They use harsh words and raise their voices. They call us communists and Nazis," said Thomas Darlington, a long time member of the Pinelands Commission.

"No one that I have met or spoken with is in the terrorism business. We all know that murder is wrong and we're not going to kill anyone or destroy buildings. That's not what we're about. We want to tell government and non-government officials that we have a God-given right to be left alone if we're not bothering anyone," said Bob Figueroa, who is a member of the NJ Militia and the Committee of Safety.

The problem with the Pinelands Commission, which was created back in 1978, is that they dictate to property owners in Southern New Jersey what they can and can not do with their property--despite that fact that members of the Commission are not elected and answer to no one for their decisions. "Commission critics are most angry about Pinelands regulations that restrict

construction on private property without compensation from the state. Anderson [Ida Anderson, a long time opponent of the Commission and chairwoman of ASPIRE] is now demanding compensation for a lot she owns in Medford after being denied permission to subdivide it," reported the *Times*. Anderson also commented, "We're new and we're trying to get people who are concerned about property rights to join."

"The long-term goal of the Committee of Safety is complete abolition of the Pinelands Commission. Short-term, it wants to remove the Pinelands from the International Biosphere--a grouping of the world's environmentally sensitive regions as designated by the United Nations," the *Times* reported.

Executive Director of the Pinelands Commission, Terrence Moore, said, "The biosphere has no regulatory impact at all on the Pinelands. It's just a recognition that it is a special place. We operate solely on state and federal regulations." Ever hear of the camel getting its nose under the tent?

The ultimate goal of the N.J. Committee of Safety is the return of property rights to the owners and the total dismantling of the Pinelands Commission itself.

WORTH REPEATING

"You only need reflect that one of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phases which our founding fathers used in the great struggle for independence."

--Charles A. Beard (1874-1948)

POLICE REPORT

The San Diego Police Officer Association polled their members regarding their views of gun control. Here are the results:

82.1 percent did not favor an "assault" weapons ban.

84.9 percent supported the right of law-abiding citizens to carry concealed firearms.

87.8 percent did not perceive legally armed citizens to be a threat to police officers.

87.1 percent believed that gun ownership by private citizens enhances public safety.

94.2 percent rejected the notion that gun-control laws have decreased violent crime.

99.2 percent supported the death penalty.

--*The New American*, July 1997

Ed.: 17.9% of the SDPD wants to violate your rights.

THE GREAT AWAKENING

The American Revolution was preceded by the great religious revival of the middle of the eighteenth century, which had its effect both in England and the colonies. When the common people turned to the reading of the Bible, when they were stirred by a great revival, the way was

prepared. It was because religion gave the people a new importance and a new glory that they demanded a new freedom and a new government.

We cannot in our generation reject the cause and retain the result.

If the institutions they adopted are to survive, if the governments they founded are to endure, it will be because the people continue to have similar religious beliefs. It is idle to discuss freedom and equality on any other basis. It is useless to expect substantial reforms from another motive. They cannot be administered from without. They must come from within. That is why laws alone are so impotent. To enact or to repeal laws is not to secure real reform. It is necessary to take these problems directly to the individual. There will be obedience to the law when the individual feels that the government represents a divine authority.

It is these beliefs, these religious convictions, that represent the strengths of all civilized society. It is religiousness alone which will exalt the nation.

--President Calvin Coolidge

THE CYCLES OF HISTORY

- 1) Nations go from Bondage to Spiritual Faith.
- 2) From Faith to great Courage.
- 3) From Courage to Liberty.
- 4) From Liberty to Abundance.
- 5) From Abundance to Complacency.
- 6) From Complacency to Apathy.
- 7) From Apathy to Dependence.
- 8) From Dependence back again to Bondage.

--H.W. Prentice, Jr.

Sheriff Throws Feds Out of County

by Phil Hamby, *The Knoxville Journal*
Sheriff Dave Mattis of Big Horn County, Wyoming, said this week (August 13) that as a result of Case #96-CV099-J, U.S. District Court, District of Wyoming, he now has a written policy that forbids federal officials from entering his county and exercising authority over county residents unless he is notified first of their intentions.

After explaining their mission, Mattis said, he grants them permission to proceed if he is convinced they are operating within the legal parameters and authority limitations set forth in the U.S. Constitution.

The sheriff grants permission on a case-by-case basis only. When asked what, if any, repercussions he had gotten from the Feds, he quickly and confidently replied, "None whatsoever...They know they do not have jurisdiction in my county unless I grant it to them."

Mattis clarified his position by saying the federal court had ruled the state of Wyoming is a sovereign state and the state constitution

plainly states that a county sheriff is the top law enforcement official in the county.

Additionally, Sheriff Mattis contends the U.S. Constitution, Art. 1, Sec. 8, clearly defines the geographic territories where the federal government has jurisdiction. Amendment X, he said, states the "powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people."

Therefore, Mattis thoroughly believes the Feds have very limited powers in any state unless the local high-sheriff allows them to exercise power beyond that which the Constitution provides.

"Put another way," Mattis said, "if the sheriff doesn't want the Feds in his county, he has constitutional power and right to keep them out or ask them to leave."

Accompanied with other legal interpretations Mattis stands on the definition of the word "sovereign", which is defined by Webster's as "paramount, supreme. Having supreme rank or power. Independent: a sovereign State."

Mattis said he grew weary of the Feds coming into his county and running roughshod over county residents i.e., illegally searching, seizing property, confiscating bank accounts, restricting the free use of private lands and other abuses, without a valid warrant and without first following due process of law as guaranteed by the Constitution to every citizen.

As long as Mattis remains sheriff he says he will continue to see to it that the citizens of his county get their day in court.

Mattis went on to say that, to his knowledge, even the IRS has not attempted to seize any citizen's real property, bank account or any other private possessions since he ran the Feds out of his county.

Sheriff Mattis emphasized that he is not a radical man. He said he is only dedicated to

protecting the constitutional rights of the citizens of his county.

He added that ordinary citizens are not the only ones bound by and expected to obey laws. Elected officials and government employees at all levels of government are also bound by and should be expected to obey certain laws.

As long as Sheriff Mattis is the high-sheriff of Big Horn County, he seems determined to make sure private citizens and government officials alike act within the law and their designated powers.

Sheriff Mattis came across as a soft-spoken, polite man whose only interest is protecting the citizens he was elected to serve. That being the case, he might be the sheriff for as long as he wants to be.

Sheriff Mattis is hopeful that other sheriffs will assume the same stance.

Letter to a Sheriff

Sheriff James Hayes
Etowah County Sheriff's Dept.
827 Forrest Ave.
Gadsden, AL 35901

Dear Sheriff Hayes:

I am writing this letter to remind you of the situation in your county facility in regards to a prisoner, Mike Kemp. Although you are already well aware of this situation, I sense the need to remind you again, as the inhumane conditions under which Mr. Kemp is being forced to endure have not changed. A lack of urgent response on your part may very well result in Mike being permanently injured or killed, and I urge you to take action now, before this situation becomes much worse.

At this point it appears that you have no desire to correct obvious, abusive treatment in your facility, even after being made well aware of it. Your inaction to correct this situation indicates to me that Mike is being tortured in re-

taliation for events of the past which have shed bad light, and rightly so, on certain law enforcement persons and agencies, namely in Etowah county.

Let this letter serve as a notice to you, Sheriff Hayes, that I will work relentlessly at exposing to the public and all media any and all inhumane treatment being directed towards Mike Kemp. This barbaric treatment of human life can not, and will not be tolerated any longer.

Sincerely,

K. B.

Union County

(Editor: Mike Kemp is an Alabama militiaman who helped expose the racist BATF and other "law enforcers" at their notorious "Good Ole Boys Roundup".)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NJM,

I noticed that C.H. from Ocean County mentions that Kathy Boudin was Louis Boudin's granddaughter. As far as I know he had only two daughters, Eleanor and Vera, both well known lawyers. They were born before 1906 which is when his wife died. They may have kept their father's name but that was rarely done back then. One of his daughters married Eliot Cohn. There are still a few Boudins in the legal profession, probably no relation. You can find stories about Kathy Boudin on the web. I believe her father was a well known attorney in Chicago.

Mike Brown

Springfield, MO

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--MARK TWAIN

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"Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark..." Deut. 19:14

So says the Bible. But you needn't be religious to see that "removing thy neighbor's landmark" is theft, the taking of property without the owner's consent. Without private property there can be no liberty or pursuit of happiness. Without it you must answer to others, you are no longer free.

Many New Jerseyans have discovered this truth the hard way.

Bob Mongdock bought property in Burlington County in 1985 to build a house to raise his family in. With the approval and direction of local officials he began to improve it by including ditching leading to a pond to control flooding in a low lying area. The N.J. Department of Environmental Protection denied him a permit, calling it a "Project of Special Concern", and threatened him (despite the 8th Amendment's prohibition against excessive fines) with fines totaling \$5500 per day. It ordered him to restore the property to its original condition, a directive the Appellate Division found to be "unduly punitive and out of proportion" to Mongdock's alleged culpability. (DEP admits he hasn't harmed the environment.) Now, after "11 years of Hell", the DEP demands that he "donate" \$12,180 to the "Wetlands Mitigation Fund".--Having received no help from Republicans and Democrats he is running for State Senate as a Libertarian in the 30th District. (Supporting documents can be found at <http://www.voicenet.com/~human>).

Barry Horner, a farmer from Ocean County, made several repairs to his dam starting in 1985. When the Pinelands Commission found out that he had no permit to do so they ordered him to tear it down. He refused because it pre-existed the regulation. The PLC then reportedly instigated a program of eco-harrassment that included airplane and helicopter overflights, trespassing, negative press releases, threatening letters from state and federal officials and a raid that included armed State Police. After six years he was issued a summons for broken concrete allegedly placed in state waters. In 1993 the state sued but the judge ruled against the PLC on all charges, and DEP except for one minor item. The judge ordered the state, in effect, to issue him a permit for the repaired dam. The deputy attorney general agreed (but never did) and shortly thereafter the PLC brought in the feds. The Army Corps of Engineers sent Horner a letter ordering him to "perform initial corrective measures, including dewatering the lake", and threatening him with fines of \$50,000 per day per violation. His \$50,000 legal bills forced his sons to drop out of college.

Roy Wimmer of Hunterdon County owns a residential lot appraised at about \$75,000. There is no water on the property; but a soil test detected a slight seepage at 30". "Wetlands," said the DEP. In order to receive a hardship waiver the DEP requires landowners caught in the wetlands web to offer to sell the property to certain conservation groups, including the super-rich Nature Conservancy (\$1.1 billion in assets; \$882 million annual income). In Wimmer's case the N.J. Conservation Foundation, which has \$19 million in assets and an annual income of \$3.8 million, offered him \$15,000 based on the fact that without a waiver the land can't be sold or built upon. Wimmer refused the offer, so the DEP denied the waiver on the Orwellian grounds that there is no hardship because a conservation group offered to buy the property. Having spent more than \$15,000 on legal and testing fees he now faces the choice of paying taxes on the land or selling it at an 80% loss.

These are just a few examples of the DEP and PLC's arbitrary, coercive, shameful and unlawful practices. Other abuses include exorbitant fees (\$150 application to build a fence), lengthy permit process (11 years to build a house), outright denial of the use of property and usurpation of local government authority (the PLC's prohibition against using second stories despite township approval). Counties and school districts have also suffered. The Cape May landfill and Indian Mills school cost millions more than necessary. In Tabernacle the PLC has denied the Boy Scouts the use of their property as a day camp. Towns are dying because commercial lot sizes are smaller than those permitted by the PLC. People are afraid to speak out; government employees abused by the PLC have been flatly told to keep quiet, with an implied threat that their livelihood may be affected.

All this was meant not to be.

"...Nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." (U.S. Constitution, 5th Amendment)—"Private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation..." (N.J. Constitution, Art. 1, Para. 20) The U.S. Supreme Court, however, seems to be following Justice Holmes' 1922 remark that "government could hardly go on" if it had to pay for everything and that "if regulation goes too far it will be recognized as a taking [for which compensation must be paid]." (*Pennsylvania Coal v. Mahon*) In 1992 the court ruled that compensation should be paid if a landowner loses 100% of the value of the property (*Lucas v. S.C. Coastal Commission*). Thus conservation groups apparently feel safe, as in Wimmer's case, in offering victims 20% of a property's value. A cynic might remark that at least one of the Pinelands Commissioners, who is also a board member of the wealthy N.J. Conservation Fund, will not likely lead the charge to correct that practice.

Because of the power of the environmental movement the legislature also is unwilling to stop the thievery known as "taking". Sen. John Scott's N.J. Property Rights Protection bill died in committee. Thus at this time neither the judiciary, the legislature nor the executive (DEP and PLC) are willing to stop taking. In addition another land control scheme is being attempted by the United Nations under the Wildlands project, which is under way to return at least 50% of America to wilderness. (The Chinese have implemented a similar program in which parts of Tibet have been de-populated to provide habitat for the Giant Panda.) In the covetous eyes of the UN, which has designataded the Pinelands an International Biosphere Reserve, it and the Wildlands project are meant for each other. Perhaps the Pinelands Commissioners agree; in May of this year they hosted a Chinese delegation.

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